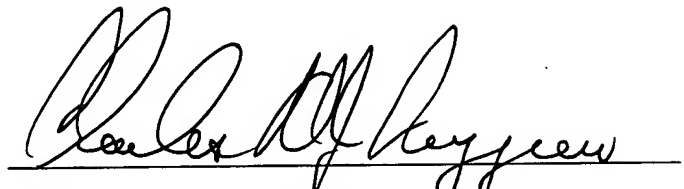


REMARKS

Claims 8 through 27 are pending in this application.
Claims 1 through 7 have been cancelled.

It is submitted that pending claims 8 through 27 are allowable. It is respectfully urged that this application be passed to allowance.

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